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SUBJECT: INQUIRIES CONCERNING U.S. EFFORTS TO FACILITATE
MOVEMENT TO THE U.S.

REF: NAHA 128 (NOTAL); VIETIANE 2324(NOTAL)

1. THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM SAIGON REPEATED
BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"1. FOLLOWING MAY BE HELPFUL RESPONDING INQUIRIES.

"2. EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM POSTS AROUND
WORLD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF
AMERICANS AS WELL AS FLOOD OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS REQUESTING SAME. SITUATION SUCH THAT WE ARE

ATEMPTING REPLY ALL CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE BY CABLE
BUT IS IMPOSSIBLE REPLY OTHER INQUIRIES. WE ARE RECEIVING
NUMEROUS REQUESTS, PRIVATE AND CONGRESSIONAL, THAT WE
LOCATE SOMEONE FOR ASSISTANCE. VIRTUALLY NEVER IS THERE
A TELEPHONE AND THE ADDRESS IS USUALLY GARBLED. WE DO NOT
HAVE STAFF TO UNDERTAKE SEARCHES THROUGHOUT SAIGON BUT
ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN WITHIN LIMITED CAPABILITY.

"3. PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF VIETNAMESE
WOMEN MARRIED TO AMERICANS MAY NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVE
VIETNAMESE PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS. THERE IS A BAN ON
TRAVEL. ALL VIETNAMESE MALES BETWEEN 17 AND 42 ARE
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SUBJECT TO MILITARY SERVICE AND MAY NOT UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES LEAVE THE COUNTRY. BOYS OF FOURTEEN
(COUNTED FROM JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE FOURTEENTH
BIRTHDAY) ARE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE
AND MAY NOT DEPART.

"4. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS IN CHAOS, WITH THOUSANDS
OF PASSPORT APPLICANTS WHO WILL BE UNSUCCESSFUL BUT ARE
CLOGGING THE MACHINERY. NONETHELESS, PASSPORTS ARE BEING
ISSUED TO THE WIVES, CHILDREN AND FIANCEES OF AMERICANS.

"5. THE FILING OF PETITIONS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS IS IRRELEVANT TO THE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES EMIGRATION. EMBASSY QUITE PREPARED TO ISSUE IMMIGRANT VISAS BASED ON APPROVED PETITIONS, BUT OUR IMMIGRANT VISA WILL BE OF NO VALUE TO APPLICANT IN DEPARTING VIETNAM. HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED SUCH PETITIONS ON FILE NOW.

"6. IT IS PROBABLE THAT ALL ORPHANS ALREADY PLACED WITH AMERICAN FAMILIES WILL BE FLOWN OUT IN AIRLIFT IN NEXT FEW DAYS. POSSIBLE EXCEPTION MAY BE THOSE WHOSE ADOPTIONS ARE BEING HANDLED PRIVATELY BY LOCAL ATTORNEY REPRESENTING CHILDREN. IF RELEASED TO ONE OF THE LICENSED VOLAGS, WILL BE AIRLIFTED WITH THAT AGENCY'S CHILDREN.

"7. NON-ORPHAN VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS OR VIETNAMESE LIVING IN THE U.S. ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORTS.

"8. THE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF VIETNAMESE IN THE UNITED STATES, REGARDLESS OF THE PERSON'S STATUS IN THE U.S., ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORTS.

"9. THERE NO CURRENT INDICATION OF ANY RELAXATION IN THE TRAVEL BAN.

"10. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THERE LITTLE HOPE OF THIS, REDUCTION IN FLOOD OF CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WOULD ENABLE US DEVOTE INFINITELY MORE TIME TO HANDLING CASES AND GETTING JOB DONE. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE THAT MERELY PULLING AND READING FILE TO DETERMINE STATUS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLY SEVERELY LIMITS ABILITY ISSUE VISAS AND APPROVE PETITIONS. WE NOW SIX DAYS BEHIND IN ANSWERING CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES."

2. PLEASE ALSO PASS ABOVE INFORMATION URGENTLY TO ALL U.S. MILITARY COMMANDS IN YOUR VICINITY. INGERSOLL

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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